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Title: Blood Separation Systems and Methods that Alternate Flow of Blood Component  
and Additive Solution Through an In-Line Leukofilter

AMENDMENT B SUBMITTED AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment A responds to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2003, which was designated being "final."

An automatic three month extension to respond, up to and including April 20, 2004 is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment B.